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## WILL MARCELINE BUY THE TWO OIL ENGINES?

The city needs more power, and for several weeks the Mayor and councilmen have been investigating many types of engines on the market. Representatives of half a dozen factories have visited Marceline and many plans have been suggested. The proposition that has perhaps received the most encouragement was made by the Fairbanks-Morse company. This company offers to accept the net earnings of the city above operating expenses in the installment purchase of two of their latest power units. The engines are of the oil burning type, burning kerosene, distillate crude oil or other fuel oil, and rate at 300 k. w. each, which would practically double the capacity of the plant.

Marceline would then be equipped with a battery of four engines, two for coal and two for oil. Fair enough! The council held a meeting, Friday night, and after some discussion the Fairbanks-Morse proposition was tentatively accepted, and an ordinance covering the purchase was ordered drafted. The council then adjourned to meet, Wednesday night. At this meeting the provisions of the ordinance were discussed and some differences were found to exist in the mind of the councilmen, especially in relation to the bond which the Fairbanks-Morse company will require.

A motion was offered declining to execute the bond, but lost by a vote of five to three, Councilman Hamilton, Kee and Porter alone supporting it.

The council adjourned until next Monday night, when another and perhaps a decisive meeting will be held. In the meantime the legal obstacles are being ironed out by City Attorney Kendrick and the Fairbanks-Morse salesman.

The two engines will cost approximately \$56,000.00, in addition to which the city will pay for the foundations. The investment should not prove to be a heavy one for a city of Marceline's earning capacity, in fact the yearly rate of interest falls well below the profits of a good month's business.

The principal objection raised is that the engines burn oil. Marceline is a coal producing town, has a number of mines and depends to some extent upon the use and sale of coal. In fact the mines are all large consumers of electricity and heavy patrons of the light and power plant. Marceline Journal-Mirror.

## DEMOCRATS STRONG ENOUGH TO CONTROL LEGISLATURE'S ACTS

The Democrats will have a majority of 16 over the Republicans in the lower house of the next session of the general assembly. Unofficial figures compiled today by Charles W. Fear of the office of Secretary of State Becker give the Democrats 83 members and the Republicans 67.

This gives the Democrats seven more than the required constitutional majority of 76 requisite to the enactment of legislation.

In the senate the Democrats will have 19 members and the Republicans 15. This is one more than required constitutional majority of 18 necessary to pass legislation in that body.

Apparently there is no doubt as to the defeat of all constitutional amendment ballot propositions except numbers two and three the suffrage and road maintenance amendments.

Heavy votes against all of the other seventeen propositions, submitted are known to have been cast in all the counties outside of the city of St. Louis and Jackson County.

Secretary of the State Becker announced tonight that he would begin the official count of the November 7 vote about noon on Monday. The only returns out tonight are those of the city of St. Louis, and Becker was advised late today over the long-distance telephone that they would be put in the mail immediately.

## AQUATIC POME

Mary had a little flivver,  
But something went amiss;  
It took a header in the river  
And Mary 'saw egg poxoo!

—Scissorsed.

## "LIQUOR ME, LIQUOR ME, DOC"

Being Some of the "Heavy" Work of the Con Con

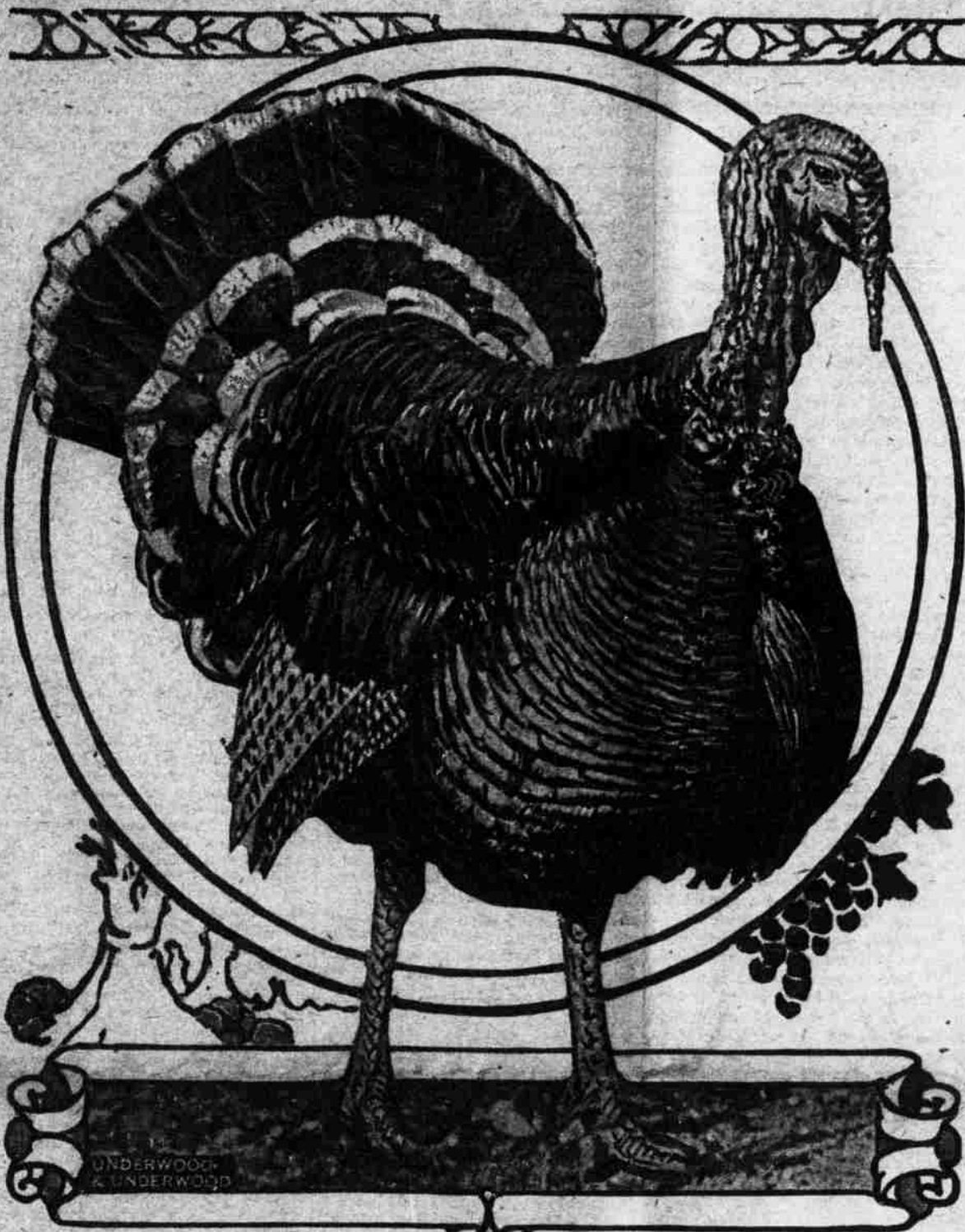
Jefferson City.—While considering a proposition to render Sheriffs and Coronors eligible to succeed themselves to which the Constitutional convention tentatively agreed, the serious debate was enlivened recently by doggerel, as follows:

"Hickory, dickory, dock,  
The crowd's lined up a block,  
With fits of convulsion,  
They yell for prescription,  
Liquor me, liquor me, Doc."  
This was read by Paul Con. of Kansas City. Another delegate was the author.

NICE JUICY TURKEY may be a powerful incentive to Thanksgiving, yet is not necessary when there is genuine appreciation of the real blessings of the year.



His Highness



WHAT WOULD THE DAY BE WITHOUT A BIRD LIKE THIS TO GRACE THE BOARD?

GIVING THANKS may be made so formal that the Almighty doubts the existence of gratitude. It was the poor Publican's prayer that was commended to us all.

## Circuit Court Proceedings

J. G. Yutz vs P. O. Conrad, note. Caused to pass from docket.

Hazel Spurgeon vs James F. O'Shaughnessy et al, mandate. Appeal dismissed.

State of Missouri vs Oscar Reyburn, felony. By consent of Prosecuting Attorney defendant enters his plea of guilty to committing assault. Punishment of defendant fixed at a fine of \$50.00 and cost of this suit.

State of Missouri vs Ed Vitt, manufacturing intoxicating liquors continued. Transferred to circuit court at Salisbury.

State of Missouri vs Ed Chapman, manufacturing intoxicating liquors continued. Transferred.

E. A. Carter vs Wabash Railway Co., damage. Continued.

J. B. Shannon vs Wabash Railway Co., damage. Continued.

E. B. Shipp vs John Barton Payne, damage. Continued.

Clark E. Jacoby vs M. J. O'Connell, debt. Trial by Court. Judgment for defendant in sum of \$166.45 at 6%.

Daniel F. Wymore et al vs Susan F. Saunders, suit to set aside Deed. Continued on stipulation filed.

C. A. Sharp et al vs The Home Ins. Co. of New York, suit on policy. Non-suit.

W. C. Torey vs F. D. Jones, note. Continued.

State of Missouri vs Frank Sparks, sale of intoxicating liquors. Continued by agreement.

State of Missouri vs Frank Sparks, possession of intoxicating liquor. Continued by agreement.

State of Missouri vs Chas. Gwinn, felony. Trial by jury, verdict, not guilty.

## MIKE

Rev. Yocum will fill his appointment at Mike Saturday evening, Sunday morning and evening. Every one come.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Hains visited Russell Hains and family Sunday.

Mrs. Gleen Shacklette and children returned to their home in What Cheer, Iowa, Friday after an extended visit with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Carol Richards spent Sunday night with his sister in Marceline.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hicks spent Sunday with their son, Robert Hicks and wife.

Isaac Hains of Kansas has been visiting homefolks. On his return home his mother accompanied him as far as Kansas City where she will make a visit with daughters.

Julian Vassar delivered corn to Wm. Graves the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Neighbors are the proud parents of a fine baby girl. Mother and daughter are doing fine.

Mrs. Ezra Littrell is on the sick list this week. All wish for a speedy recovery.

Husking corn seems to be the order of the day. All welcome the sunshine after many gloomy days.

Several of the young folks of this place called on Miss Allie Case Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Graves, Jr., were shopping in Westville Saturday. Misses Vaniel and Willie Helen Anderson were on the sick list last week.

Lewie Myer has been husking corn for Mr. Cammell the past few days.

Several men of the community have been engaged in hunting wild game during the recent cold spell.

## PERFECT BABY WEIGHS ONLY 1 1/2 POUNDS

Lorain, Ohio, Nov. 18.—A daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. George Coon here today tipped the scales at only one and a half pounds.

Although one of the smallest babies ever born, the attending physician declares she is physically perfect.

Young Miss Coon, who tonight had not been given a first name will take her meals through a medicine dropper. She will sleep on a padded hot water bottle.

The child's father bought the smallest ring he could find tonight and his daughter is wearing it as a bracelet.

E. M. Bishop, postoffice address Marceline, was a Courier caller Tuesday. Mr. Bishop says he is very busy this fall constructing a dyke to protect his farm of some 400 acres, and that he hardly has time to get to town. He reports that his crops were very good this year.

make an effort to obtain his parole on condition that he make restitution of the money. This was denied by company officials.

Judge O. A. Lucas reprimed banking institutions in general, declaring they do not keep a close enough watch on their employees.

"Here's a man, they say, who has been stealing since 1919," he began. "He has a wife and four children. The bank pays him a salary of \$160 per month. It is strange that officials of the bank didn't notice him driving around in a motor car and living in a \$16,000 home. If they watched their employees, they would have known something was wrong. Probably they would have stopped the whole thing in its incipency."

## IMPEACHMENT OF HYDE TOPIC OF CONSIDERATION

Senator Reed's demand for the impeachment of Gov. Hyde by the next Legislature appears to have fallen upon unsympathetic ears, for Democratic leaders who usually know what is afoot in the councils of their party say that no such movement will receive substantial backing.

Reed began voicing a demand that the next Legislature indict and try the Governor for the acts of his police commissioners, in his speeches in the municipal campaign in Kansas City last spring, and kept up bitter arraignments and the plea for the Governor's head throughout the primary and general election campaigns.

## Governor Somewhat Disturbed

As Democrats appear on unofficial returns to have 77 votes in the House of Representatives and 19 votes in the Senate, observers of the movement against Hyde began to inquire into the impeachment prospect and the Governor became exceedingly disturbed. The House can impeach with a bare majority, although a two-thirds vote of the Senate is required to convict.

The 19 Democratic votes in the Senate would be insufficient to remove the Governor, but Hyde's friends have not known what attitude Lieutenant-Governor Lloyd and the five Republican Senators from St. Louis might take. Republican legislators from St. Louis never have fallen upon the Governor's neck, for he came to Jefferson City with a view of politics somewhat different from that of the average St. Louis legislator. Whether the St. Louis Senators might consider it to their advantage to join forces with the Democrats to oust Hyde and thus elevate Lloyd, the St. Louisian, to the governorship is a matter which the rural Republican politicians have not determined to their entire contentment.

It is known that a resolution of impeachment had been prepared and friends of Hyde have been told it was presented to Miles Bulger, a newly elected Democratic Representative from Jackson County but that Bulger declined to have anything to do with it.

## Shannon Against Action

Joseph Shannon, boss of the "rabbit" faction of Democrats in Kansas City, who has more or less influence with five Democratic Representatives from Jackson County, said that he would have nothing to do with the impeachment effort.

"Hyde has made an ass of himself in some of his tactics with the police departments," Shannon said, "but nothing has been done to justify impeachment, and I do not think that ought to be tried."

State Senator Frank Farris of Rolla, who probably will be one of the principal factors on the Democratic side of that body, also throws water on the impeachment effort in very emphatic language.

It has been freely discussed in Jefferson City hotel lobbies, however, that although the Governor will escape this sort of fight, he will have his hands full throughout the forthcoming session, as plans are afoot to investigate a number of State departments, some of them those of the Governor's appointees. It is also said that the handling of the Spanish war veterans' fund by Hyde will be the subject of legislative inquiry.

Miss Bonny Montgomery returned home Saturday from Kansas City where she attended state teacher's convention.

Rev. O. L. Hunt is enjoying a visit from his mother, Mrs. M. E. Hunt. Mr. and Mrs. Hunt were visiting in Excelsior Springs some time ago and his mother returned to Keytesville with them.

## CON-CON COSTS STATE \$250,000 IS ESTIMATE

Jefferson City, Nov. 23.—The constitutional convention which has been in session since May 15, is about two-thirds finished with its work of revising the constitution according to Cassius M. Shattell, president of the convention.

So far it was estimated, the convention has cost around \$250,000. Each of the eighty-three members receives \$10 a day for seven days a week, and the ninety employees average about \$6 a day, making the total daily cost of the convention about \$1,350, exclusive of the bills for printing, publishing and the like.

When the constitutional convention convened it had 329 proposed changes and additions to the constitution before it, but it was said that not more than 10 per cent of these would be incorporated in the new constitution. Thirteen of the committees have reported, five of their reports have been advanced to the committee on pharmacology.